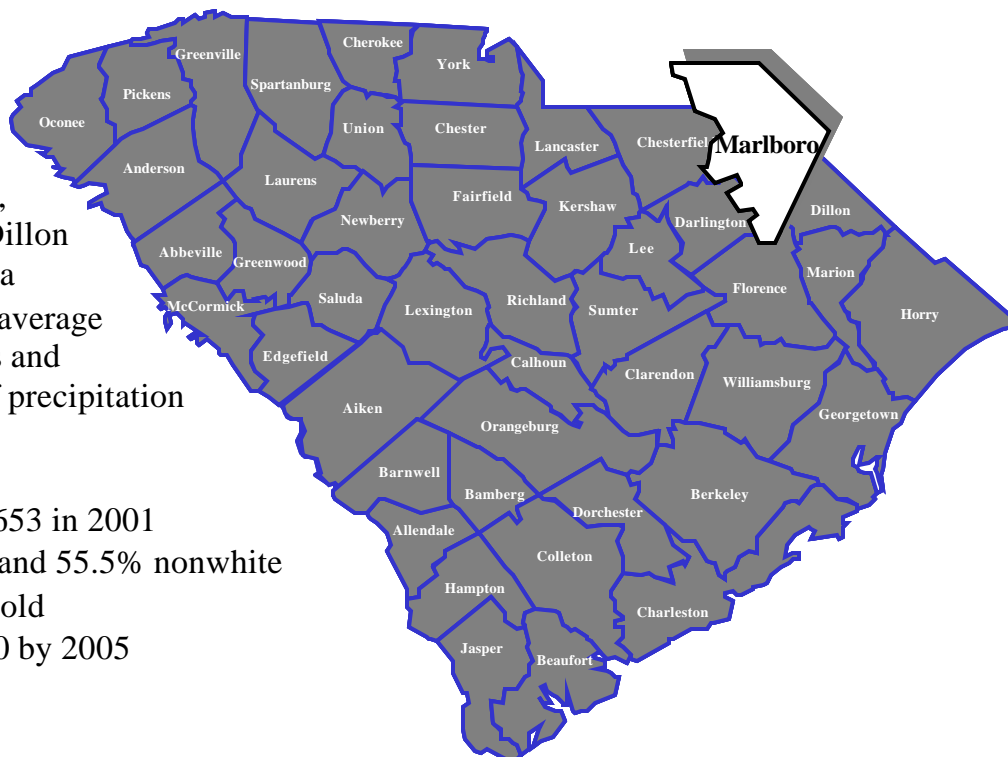


Spotlight on Marlboro County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Northeast area of the state
- Surrounded by Chesterfield, Darlington, Florence, and Dillon Counties and North Carolina
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 62.7 degrees and experiences 41.90 inches of precipitation



Population

- Equaled approximately 28,653 in 2001
- Comprised of 44.5% white and 55.5% nonwhite
- Median age was 35.1 years old
- Estimated to grow to 30,900 by 2005

Labor Force

- Decreased from 11,630 in 2001 to 11,440 in 2002
- Unemployment fell from 13.4% in 2001 to 12.9% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 9,960 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$17,418 in 2001
- It was 70% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Bennettsville Workforce Center, serving Chesterfield and Marlboro Counties, paid \$6,085,990 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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